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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Increased cattle marketings and price declines in the dressed trade had a bearish influence on most slaughter classes. Slaughter steers sold generally steady to \$1.00 lower; heifers steady to 75¢ lower. Cows closed 25-75¢ lower at most points. Stockers and feeders were active and closed mostly steady to 50¢ higher. Barrows and gilts sold steady to 25¢ higher to recover the previous week's downturn. Sows sold strong to 75¢ higher. Slaughter lambs were uneven, with closing sales steady to 50¢ lower at most points.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Sharp price declines on carcass beef at major wholesale dressed meat centers and increased cattle receipts had a decidedly bearish influence in trading after the initial session. Steer and heifer prices advanced on Monday at most terminals, although prices turned lower on following sessions erasing a portion of the previous week's sharp advance. Slaughter steers and heifers sold out of first hands at the 7 markets totaled 113,500 head compared 73,600 the previous week and 121,300 a year earlier. The average weight of beef steers at the 7 markets was 1155# the heaviest since early January 1959. Slaughter steers were generally steady to 50¢ lower at most terminals with high-Good and Choice yearlings under 1150# showing the least decline. Chicago, Omaha and Sioux City registered declines of 50¢-\$1.00 on steers grading Good and below and all steers over 1300#. Heifers were generally steady to 75¢ lower. Cows 25-75¢ lower except strong to 50¢ higher at St. Joseph and Kansas City. Bulls were steady to \$1.00 higher and vealers steady to \$1.00 higher at St. Paul and St. Louis. Bulk of the supply at most points was comprised of slaughter steers and heifers grading Good and Choice.

Eighteen loads of Prime 1150-1365# steers brought \$30.00 in Chicago on Monday, the highest since June but bulk of Choice and Prime 900-1400# sold from \$26.00-29.25 at the close with only seven loads at \$29.50. At other terminals a few mixed Choice and Prime 1150-1300# steers brought \$27.00-28.00 while bulk of the high-Good and Choice 900-1300# sold at \$24.25-27.00. Some Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1300-1750# steers moved at \$24.50-27.50 with a few Prime 1450# to \$28.50 in Chicago where a few high-Choice 975-1100# yearlings sold at \$28.50 late. Good steers brought \$22.50-26.00. Mixed Choice and Prime heifers cashed at \$26.25-27.75 with several loads from \$28.00-28.50 in Chicago early in the week. Choice heifers brought \$24.75-26.75 and Good \$22.00-24.75. Utility and Commercial cows went at \$14.00-16.50; Cannery and Cutters \$11.50-15.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves

at terminal markets were considerably larger than during either of the two previous weeks when the year end holidays tended to interrupt marketings. Good and Choice grades made up a relatively large percent of the supplies, including a substantially larger number of Choice calves than either of the two previous weeks. Moderate numbers of two year old feeder steers also were on offer, majority of which had already had at least a start on grain feeds. However, yearling steers continued to predominate. Weather conditions over much of the mid-west continued unusually favorable for the winter handling and feeding of livestock. This, coupled with abundant feed supplies and current price levels for slaughter cattle encouraged widespread interest and fairly aggressive demand for stockers and feeders. Trading generally was brisk at steady to 50¢ higher prices with stock calves 50¢-\$1.00 up at Sioux City. The only exception to the steady to stronger price trend was at Kansas City where feeder steers closed weak.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers brought \$22.50-26.25, majority \$23.00-26.00. Not many over 950# exceeded \$25.50, but load Choice partly fattened 1025# brought \$26.50 and at Sioux City a load of Choice 800# reached \$27.00. Medium and low-Good feeders bulked at \$20.00-23.50. Scattered shipments Choice 500-625# stock steers brought \$29.00-33.00. However, most Good and Choice 550-750# stockers went from \$24.00-28.25; Medium and low-Good \$20.00-24.50. Few loads Choice 504-573# heifers brought \$26.00-27.00, other Good and Choice yearling heifers \$22.00-25.00. At least 10 loads Choice and Fancy 350-504# steer calves brought \$33.00-35.00, other Good and Choice steer calves \$24.00-32.50, bulk \$26.00-31.50; Good and Choice heifer calves \$22.00-28.50, several loads 400-460# \$29.00-30.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs at the 12 markets totaled 343,000 head, 19 percent more than the previous holiday-shortened week but 23 percent short of the same week a year earlier. Supplies were comprised mainly of shipments of mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-270# barrows and gilts with a rather generous showing of 230-270# at many of the western corn-belt markets. The average weight of all barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 238# or the same as the previous week. Uniform U. S. No. 1, and 1-2, barrows and gilts under 230# were relatively scarce over much of the area. Sows made up 7-11 percent at the various points. Shipping demand was only moderate during the week with best outlet again centering on 190-220# barrows and gilts. The moderate supply of sows moved readily on most sessions. Only minor changes developed in price trends on butcher hogs, but prices on 240-300# continued

very uneven. Barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ higher at most of the midwest terminals. Sows were strong to 75¢ higher, largely 50-75¢ up.

At the close U. S. No. 1 and 1-2, 180-230# barrows and gilts sold at \$17.50-18.50, largely \$17.75-18.25. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 180-240 bulked at \$17.00-17.75. U. S. 2-3, and U. S. 3, 240-270# butchers sold unevenly over a wide spread of \$16.25-17.50. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$13.00-15.75, up to \$16.00 at a few points.

Feeder pigs closed steady at Sioux City and steady to 25¢ lower at St. Paul. Good and Choice 130-170# feeder pigs at Sioux City brought \$16.00-17.00, few Choice \$17.25 with Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul \$16.50-17.25.

HOGS - In Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area barrows and gilts weighing over 240# comprised around 30 percent of the butcher supply which was a noted increase over the previous week. Sows made up 6.5 percent of the receipts compared 8 percent the previous week. Barrows and gilts 180-220# closed steady to 25¢ higher while heavier weights were 30-40¢ higher. Sows closed 10-50¢ higher on weights under 400#, with heavier sows 50-60¢ higher. On the close U. S. No. 1-3, 200-240# barrows and gilts and including few 190-200# brought \$16.75-17.50 with limited volume No. 1-2 \$17.50-17.75 and few selected No. 1 200-220 \$17.75-18.00. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$13.75-15.40; No. 2-3 400-550# \$12.00-14.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 111,000 head, 35 percent more than the previous week but little changed from a year ago. The increased volume of slaughter lambs met a narrow demand and lower prices at most terminals. Price downturns on dressed lamb was a bearish factor in the live trade. Slaughter lambs closed mainly steady to 50¢ lower aside from steady to 50¢ higher at Omaha, Fort Worth and Indianapolis. Woolled lambs over 110# and shorn over 105# were marketed in moderate numbers and frequently discounted in price from lighter weight lambs. Slaughter ewes were steady; feeder lambs steady to 50¢ higher.

Choice and Prime 85-111# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$16.75-17.75, few \$18.00-18.25 or late rounds; several consignments of Choice and Prime 111-125# woolled lambs \$15.00-17.25. Good and Choice 80-112# \$16.00-17.00, few to \$17.50; Utility and Good \$12.50-16.00. Choice and Prime 85-110# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts sold from \$15.75-17.25, large share \$16.00-16.50; Choice and Prime 110-120# \$15.25-16.25. Good and Choice shorn lambs \$15.50-16.50. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes brought \$4.00-7.50, few Cull \$2.50.

Choice 65-84# feeder lambs sold from \$17.00-18.00; several shipments 65-75# feeders \$17.75-18.50, Good and Choice 65-81# \$15.50-18.00, largely \$16.00-18.00; Medium and Good \$13.50-16.50. Load and a half Good and Choice 84# shorn

feeders \$16.75 at Sioux Falls.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 40,000 head, slightly less than the previous week, but 51 percent more than a year earlier. Slaughter lambs were weak to 50¢ lower; slaughter ewes steady. Demand was decidedly narrow for woolled lambs over 110# and shorn lambs over 105#. Shorn offerings comprised around 30 percent of the lamb supply.

On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants brought \$16.50-17.50 including a large share at \$17.00; Choice and Prime 105-115# \$15.50-17.00. Good and Choice 80-110# woolled lambs \$16.00-17.00, few Good \$15.50-16.00. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$15.50-16.25, limited volume fall shorn pelt lambs \$16.25-16.50. Good and Choice \$15.00-16.00, Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers fairly active early in the week, but slow on the close with prices about steady. Several loads and strings were contracted for delivery into February and March and occasionally to April 15. Stocker and feeder cattle prices were poorly tested. Slaughter lambs were steady with last week's late advance.

Slaughter steers: In California, 7 load string average to high-Choice 925# \$27.00; high-Good and Choice 900-1200# over California and Arizona \$25.00-26.00, including some for February-March delivery; Good 875-1100# \$23.75-24.75, bulk \$24.00-24.50, several loads in Arizona for delivery up to April 15; Standard and Good 900-1140# \$22.00-23.50.

Slaughter heifers: In Arizona, load Choice 850# \$26.00; over the area loadlots Good to mostly Choice 725-1075# \$24.00-25.50, bulk \$24.00-25.00 down, some for February delivery.

Stockers and feeders: Few lots Good and Choice 480-650# stock steer calves and short yearlings \$25.00-27.00; 100 Good and Choice 825# feeders \$22.00; 230 Good and Choice 480-525# heifers \$24.00-25.50; 700 Medium 575# steers \$21.50. For spring delivery, 300 Good and Choice steers expected 700# by May 1 acceptance \$24.00.

Slaughter lambs: In Imperial Valley, California, 76 loads mostly Choice 106-112# alfalfa pastured shorn No. 1 and 2 pelt offerings \$19.00. In Utah, Choice and Prime woolled 100-107# \$18.25-19.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on

slaughter steers and heifers direct at feedlots was moderately active. Slaughter steers sold fully steady early with few late sales 25¢ lower, instances 50¢ off. Slaughter heifers were steady to strong early, late sales 15-35¢ lower, mostly 25¢ off. Seventy-four loads Choice 1050-1350# slaughter steers \$26.00-26.75; 62 loads high-Good and Choice 1035-1250# \$25.25-25.90, 4 loads 350# \$25.00; 47 loads average and high-Choice 950-1040# slaughter heifers early at \$26.15-26.50; 182 loads mostly Choice 800-1050# \$25.35-26.00; 10 loads high-Good and Choice 900-1060# \$24.50-25.25; 4 loads Good 900# \$24.15. Western Kansas: 4 loads mostly Choice 1125# steers \$25.90.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves was good with prices fully steady. Western Kansas: Around 800 Good and Choice 650-700# steers for May and June delivery \$25.00-25.25; 6 loads Good and Choice fleshy 1000# steers \$24.00; 7 loads Good and Choice 800# heifers \$23.25. Colorado: 220 Good and Choice 850# steers for February delivery \$25.50; 7 loads Medium and Good 615# \$22.00. Load Good and Choice 400# steer calves \$30.00. Load Good and Choice 406# heifer calves \$26.40. Wyoming: Load Good to mostly Choice 400# heifer calves \$28.00.

Slaughter lambs sold fully steady with sales confirmed on 23,500 head. Colorado: Choice and Prime 95-115# wooled slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.25. Around 2,100 head Good and Choice 80-90# shearling feeder lambs \$17.00-17.50; 300 Cull and Utility 110-115# slaughter ewes \$5.50. Western Kansas: Choice 97-108# wooled slaughter lambs sold off wheat \$17.75-18.00, few loads \$18.25. North Platte Valley of Nebraska: Choice and Prime 101-108# wooled slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.00, few loads 112-118# \$17.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Demand for slaughter cattle was good with prices strong. Stockers and feeders were steady although only a limited number were offered for sale. Load high-Choice and Prime 1025# slaughter steers \$28.00; 17 loads Good and Choice 1150-1275# \$25.75-26.00; 46 loads Good 1000-1200# \$25.00-25.50; load Standard 800# \$23.00; 14 loads Good, few Choice 700-900# slaughter heifers \$24.00-25.50; load Good 523# slaughter calves \$24.00, 2 loads 500# bull calves \$23.00; load Utility 1470# bulls \$20.50. Around 1,400 Good and Choice 575-800# stocker and feeder steers for up to March delivery \$23.50-26.00; Common and Medium 540-750# \$20.20-21.00; 1,100 Good and Choice 500-625# heifer yearlings for March delivery \$22.50-24.00; 470 Good 375-450# stock calves \$25.00-27.00 on steers, \$22.00-24.50 on heifers. Trading for slaughter lambs was slow at steady prices. Around 2,800 Good and Choice 97-105# slaughter lambs, both wooled and shorn with No. 1 pelts \$15.50-16.50, latter price delivered; 400 Choice 80# breeding ewe lambs \$17.00; 1,600 Good and Choice 75-80# feeder lambs \$16.00.

Amarillo Area - Trading moderately active with slaughter steers fully steady; heifers steady, instances \$1.00 higher. Stockers and feeders were firm. Seven loads Good and Choice 1025-1075# slaughter steers \$24.50-25.50 delivered; 6 loads Choice 975-1000# heifers \$25.50-25.75; 12 loads Good and Choice 775-965# \$23.50-25.80, latter price delivered. Good and Choice 725-825# feeder steers \$25.00-25.25; Medium and Good 759-850# \$23.00-23.50; 100 Choice and Fancy 593# \$29.00; Choice 600-625# \$27.00. February-June delivery, Good and Choice 600-900# \$24.00-27.00, Medium and Good 700-850# \$22.50-23.50; 6,000 Good and Choice 550-650# heifers through June delivery \$22.50-25.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers were fully steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher in Idaho; stockers and feeders fully steady; slaughter lambs fully steady to strong, instances \$1.00 up in Oregon. Slaughter steers: Several loads Choice 1025-1050# \$26.00-26.50; bulk Good to mostly Choice 1000-1200# \$24.75-26.00; Good and Choice 1200-1400# \$24.00-24.50. Slaughter heifers: Choice 850-1000# \$23.25-24.50, including string in Idaho at \$24.50 for February 15 to March 15 delivery.

Stockers and feeders: Washington and Oregon - Good and Choice 600-800# steers \$24.00-\$24.75 with heifers \$22.00-22.50. Good and Choice 400-550# calves and yearlings \$25.50-27.00 on steers, \$23.00-24.50 on heifers. Idaho and Oregon - Good stock cows up to 6 years old \$190.00-200.00 each, with calves at side \$212.50-216.00 per pair.

Slaughter lambs: Washington and Oregon - Choice 100-112# wooled \$18.25-19.25, Choice and Prime shorn with No. 1-2-3 pelts \$18.50-20.00, delivered west coast points. Idaho - Choice and Prime 98-110# wooled \$18.50-19.00 f.o.b.

Wool: 10,000# 3/8 and 1/4 blood, light shrinking, 45-47¢ per pound grease basis.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Direct trading moderately active. Slaughter cattle fully steady. Stocker and feeder steers and heifers scarce. Stock cows fully steady. Stock calves strong, instances \$1.00 higher; slaughter lambs unevenly 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Cattle: Montana, 190 high-Good to mostly Choice mixed steers 1100-1150# \$24.50, heifers 900-960# \$23.50; 400 average to high-Choice 750# feeder steers \$25.75 with 350 heifers 625-650# at \$24.75; 150 mostly Good stock cows \$150.00-185.00 each; 100 Good and Choice stock cows \$200.00 each. Calves: Montana - 300 high-Good and mostly Choice steers 375-465# \$28.25-31.00, heifers 350-400# \$25.50-28.00. Northern Wyoming - 1,250 high-Good and Choice calves, steers 300-435# \$28.50-30.50, heifers 260-415# \$26.00-28.00.

Sheep: Montana - 2,050 Good and Choice 80-85# ewe lambs \$17.00-18.00. Northern Wyoming - 1,400 Good to mostly Choice 100-115# wooled slaughter lambs \$16.75-17.00, bulk at \$16.75.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 14	Jan. 16
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	38,707	42,774	237	409	38,674	43,926	9,909	12,306
Cincinnati	3,681	3,794	658	532	2,757	15,671	823	996
Denver	15,604	16,819	2,807	2,570	7,024	7,333	9,096	15,164
Fort Worth	7,052	5,948	2,652	1,882	1,949	3,401	7,374	8,604
Indianapolis	8,342	8,759	394	502	32,147	42,438	3,636	2,705
Kansas City	22,568	23,523	969	1,037	15,286	17,721	8,230	5,227
Oklahoma City	13,874	10,718	1,817	1,033	3,460	4,574	2,543	1,885
Omaha	44,323	43,655	698	1,484	53,048	60,697	17,498	16,158
St. Joseph	16,614	16,358	607	467	26,217	26,274	9,024	3,657
St. Louis NSY	16,977	16,562	2,022	2,196	57,604	76,550	8,613	6,320
Sioux City	34,827	39,459	3,467	2,930	48,263	64,357	13,196	15,469
S. St. Paul	21,649	25,399	8,842	10,697	56,513	84,890	20,913	21,905
Total	244,218	253,768	25,170	25,739	342,942	447,832	110,855	110,396
" Jan. 7, 1961	160,754		17,874		288,541		81,966	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Jan. 14, 1961	Jan. 7, 1961	Jan. 16, 1960
Hogs	412,000	354,000	453,000
Sheep	40,000	41,500	26,500

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Twelve months	
	Jan. 12	Jan. 5	Jan. 14	Dec. 1959	Jan. 1960	Dec. 1959
	1961	1961	1960	1960	1960	1959
Steers - 1001# up	1,359	688	631	5,314	3,311	33,130
901-1000	2,618	2,051	2,324	9,430	7,588	96,510
801-900	4,579	3,628	4,381	15,016	16,177	183,480
701-800	7,549	3,043	4,929	17,349	20,775	269,350
501-700	11,732	6,287	10,812	34,853	38,685	612,224
Total steers 10 markets	27,837	15,697	23,077	81,962	86,536	1,194,694
Av. wts. " " "	718#	755#	713#	746#	732#	712#
Av. cost* " " "	\$24.50	\$23.55	\$23.67	\$23.81	\$22.97	\$23.02
" " " Chicago	23.12	22.58	22.99	23.60	22.87	23.71
" " " Kansas City	24.21	24.43	23.51	23.61	22.51	22.93
" " " Omaha	25.27	23.76	24.09	23.81	23.62	23.80
" " " S. St. Paul	22.63	21.10	21.10	21.96	21.54	22.11
" " " Sioux City	26.24	25.42	25.28	25.15	24.72	24.46
" " " Denver	24.37	24.43	23.93	24.39	23.96	23.54
" " " Ft. Worth	23.32	22.79	22.10	22.42	21.88	21.16
" " " Oklahoma City	23.28	22.83	22.07	23.11	21.21	21.43
" " " S. St. Joseph	23.37	22.73	23.62	22.66	21.89	22.47
" " " St. Louis NSY	23.13	22.48	22.34	22.48	21.42	22.09
Total calves - 10 markets	15,985	6,251	13,167	75,401	70,802	781,671
" heifers " " "	3,595	2,888	3,497	12,096	12,181	197,768
" cows " " "	1,365	637	929	6,151	7,104	48,320

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Jan. 13, 1961	2	44	12	10	8	35	5	6	12	75	76	51	45
Jan. 6, 1961	2	40	8	9	8	25	5	8	7	70	68	49	45
Jan. 15, 1960	2	40	12	15	5	34	5	6	30	50	67	38	55
Slaughter cows													
Jan. 13, 1961	5	9	12	9	15	8	27	14	18	15	12	19	22
Jan. 6, 1961	5	10	9	8	14	8	30	15	35	10	14	21	20
Jan. 15, 1960	7	11	11	7	13	8	25	12	18	20	11	15	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Jan. 12 1961	Jan. 14 1960	Jan. 12 1961	Jan. 14 1960	Jan. 12 1961	Jan. 14 1960	Jan. 12 1961	Jan. 14 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,159	2,938	11.8	9.7	1,252	1,251	\$29.34	28.29
Choice.....	15,013	18,246	56.3	60.6	1,187	1,204	27.78	26.71
Good.....	7,210	7,530	27.0	25.0	1,149	1,121	25.94	25.10
Standard.....	854	1,167	3.2	3.9	1,058	1,029	23.30	22.62
Commercial.....	93	68	.4	.2	1,444	1,601	22.57	22.14
Utility.....	352	179	1.3	.6	1,047	1,052	20.59	19.13
All grades.....	26,681	30,128			1,180	1,181	27.26	26.30
OMAHA								
Prime.....	230	143	1.2	.7	1,168	1,143	27.40	27.57
Choice.....	9,050	9,219	48.0	46.3	1,183	1,171	26.11	25.65
Good.....	8,703	9,708	46.1	48.7	1,146	1,162	24.57	23.77
Standard.....	693	684	3.7	3.4	1,117	1,124	21.42	20.14
Utility.....	183	169	1.0	.9	1,003	1,062	20.04	18.04
All grades.....	18,859	19,923			1,162	1,164	25.21	24.51
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	327	236	2.9	1.7	1,159	1,173	28.02	27.16
Choice.....	6,516	8,041	57.1	58.5	1,167	1,163	26.50	25.82
Good.....	4,098	4,893	35.9	35.6	1,160	1,114	24.93	24.01
Standard.....	407	462	3.6	3.4	1,078	1,095	21.65	21.11
Utility.....	64	107	.5	.8	1,049	1,118	20.11	18.67
All grades.....	11,412	13,739			1,161	1,143	25.78	25.01
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	2	34	--	.4	1,070	1,078	27.43	28.50
Choice.....	1,200	3,296	17.1	43.3	1,100	1,195	26.20	24.83
Good.....	5,189	3,632	74.0	47.7	1,121	1,119	24.09	23.14
Standard.....	614	547	8.7	7.2	1,062	1,084	21.00	20.61
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	16	105	.2	1.4	1,090	1,159	19.24	18.12
All grades.....	7,021	7,614			1,112	1,150	24.18	23.69
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	17	3	.2	.0	930	973	28.00	27.25
Choice.....	1,517	1,139	21.7	18.1	1,088	1,094	26.33	25.64
Good.....	4,335	3,974	62.1	63.2	1,081	1,080	24.81	23.91
Standard.....	897	1,072	12.9	17.1	1,011	1,062	22.44	21.23
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	219	102	3.1	1.6	924	886	19.24	18.10
All grades.....	6,985	6,290			1,068	1,076	24.72	23.70
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	40	--	.5	--	1,164	--	28.09
Choice.....	2,882	2,252	38.9	29.0	1,169	1,153	25.94	25.47
Good.....	4,228	4,492	57.0	57.8	1,139	1,157	24.37	23.55
Standard.....	303	945	4.1	12.2	1,079	1,053	21.12	20.55
Utility.....	--	40	--	.5	--	1,022	--	17.51
All grades.....	7,413	7,769			1,148	1,142	24.86	23.77
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,815	1,347	76.7	46.1	1,216	1,217	26.24	25.26
Good.....	494	1,517	20.9	52.0	1,111	1,155	24.42	23.81
Standard.....	42	30	1.7	1.0	1,131	1,174	20.45	19.20
Utility.....	16	25	.7	.9	879	949	18.22	17.27
All grades.....	2,367	2,919			1,191	1,182	25.75	24.40

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 14	Jan. 16
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area...	14,326	14,762	11,023	10,679	45,360	59,728	44,879	47,648
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	9,484	9,434	2,293	2,044	33,591	33,490	5,179	5,433
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	20,738	22,968	4,642	5,512	130,291	152,127	17,072	18,761
Chicago Area.....	17,051	12,875	7,946	9,022	47,819	34,656	7,060	7,644
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	31,939	35,957	23,324	23,520	128,530	167,883	23,978	25,341
St. Louis Area.....	12,036	12,954	1,799	1,748	70,327	98,942	8,684	7,069
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	20,999	27,929	--	--	111,829	138,339	17,351	20,807
Omaha Area.....	39,167	42,513	247	103	87,639	105,461	23,401	23,214
Kansas City.....	16,543	17,034	--	--	37,164	53,534	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	33,870	34,145	10,094	10,511	324,676	355,967	51,115	37,170
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's....	6,047	7,748	2,732	4,042	58,604	73,504	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	9,975	7,545	5,676	2,897	33,976	37,451	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City..	21,763	22,645	1,227	1,590	52,771	61,790	15,025	15,216
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	11,874	9,561	3,655	4,913	17,882	20,769	15,955	13,135
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	20,834	20,237	236	366	15,502	22,249	25,759	31,298
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	31,164	29,171	1,576	1,390	30,537	36,702	34,642	32,740
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	8,653	8,382	332	326	15,668	22,728	5,396	5,869
Total.....	326,463	335,860	76,802	78,663	1,242,166	1,475,320	295,496	291,345
Accumulation to date.....	594,122	666,244	144,116	160,605	2,243,155	2,993,793	537,818	596,392

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Jan. 14, 1961	395	237.4	105	11.7	1,420	200.1	325	16.2	465.4	--
Jan. 7, 1961	320	191.4	95	10.5	1,160	162.6	265	13.0	377.5	--
Dec. 24, 1960 1/	336	--	101	--	1,268	--	228	--	--	43.1
Jan. 16, 1960 1/	408	248.1	108	12.4	1,706	232.8	323	16.0	509.3	56.0
Percentage change from:										
Jan. 7, 1961	23	24	11	11	22	23	23	25	23	--
Jan. 16, 1960	-3	-4	-3	-6	-17	-14	1	1	-9	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	
Jan. 14, 1961	1055	601	200	111	245	141	102	50	--
Jan. 7, 1961	1050	598	200	111	246	140	102	49	--
Dec. 24, 1960	1045	601	195	108	243	138	100	48	--
Jan. 16, 1960	1061	608	203	115	236	136	102	50	13.9

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	14	16	14	16	14	16	14	16	14	16
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	29.10	28.08	--	--	27.92	27.75	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	29.00	28.38	--	28.50	27.72	27.60	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	28.10	27.08	26.40	26.12	26.68	26.38	26.15	25.88	26.00	26.75
1100-1300	27.30	26.75	26.15	26.12	26.35	25.90	26.05	25.50	--	26.25
Good 900-1100	25.75	25.00	24.02	23.30	24.30	23.75	23.05	22.50	24.62	25.25
Standard - All wts.	22.82	22.20	20.78	20.50	21.55	20.25	20.00	19.00	21.75	22.50
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	26.75	26.49	25.12	25.50	26.18	25.95	25.19	25.35	24.25	24.25
Good** 600-800	--	--	22.90	22.62	23.82	23.20	22.72	22.35	22.75	23.25
Standard - All wts.	21.75	21.25	19.75	19.38	21.22	19.75	19.50	19.00	19.75	21.25
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.02	16.62	16.55	17.00	16.22	16.30	--	16.70	16.75	17.25
Utility	15.68	15.55	15.48	15.70	15.15	14.85	15.92	15.35	15.31	16.00
Cutter	14.85	14.85	14.42	14.20	13.98	13.52	13.70	13.80	13.81	13.62
Canner	13.18	13.02	13.28	12.32	12.75	12.50	12.55	12.75	12.00	11.62
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	20.22	21.68	17.72	19.70	17.78	19.35	--	--	--	21.25
Utility	20.48	20.68	17.95	19.55	17.95	19.10	19.00	19.50	20.00	22.62
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	22.35	24.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	20.25	22.60	--	--	--	--	22.75	25.75
Standard	--	--	18.00	19.90	--	--	--	--	19.75	22.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	24.50	29.65	24.70	27.50	23.50	24.50	--	--	28.50	31.75
Good	22.50	27.50	22.00	25.50	20.75	23.00	--	--	26.50	29.25
Standard	18.50	23.50	19.00	21.50	17.50	20.50	--	--	22.50	24.88
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.82	27.25	26.00	26.35	26.88	26.50	25.88	26.00	24.50	24.50
Good 500-800	24.70	25.00	24.25	24.10	24.75	24.38	24.00	24.00	22.00	23.50
Medium 500-1000	21.50	21.75	20.50	20.67	21.50	20.75	21.25	21.00	19.00	20.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.45	23.50	24.00	24.25	23.38	23.25	--	23.25
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.00	19.38	20.75	21.00	21.50	21.00	19.00	20.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	15.50	16.00	15.00	13.25	16.40	--	--	15.25
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.75	27.20	29.00	30.25	29.00	29.75	25.25	25.75
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.00	25.00	25.25	27.00	26.25	26.25	22.50	24.75

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		National		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14	Jan.	14
Barrows and gilts																		
U. S. No. 1 & 2	18.02	13.06	--	--	17.89	13.32	17.58	12.60	18.04	13.32	17.76	13.04	17.58	13.27	17.80	12.93		
180-200#	18.18	13.32	17.35	--	17.88	13.32	17.95	13.18	18.10	13.34	17.84	13.32	17.64	13.28	17.84	13.05		
200-220	17.92	13.02	17.28	--	17.78	13.16	17.98	13.20	17.92	13.09	17.80	13.34	17.58	13.25	17.58	12.85		
220-240																		
U. S. No. 2 & 3																		
200-220	17.68	12.84	16.99	--	17.50	12.90	17.38	12.55	17.53	12.60	17.20	12.68	17.30	12.84	17.52	12.60		
220-240	17.40	12.59	16.93	--	17.32	12.68	17.35	12.55	17.40	12.60	17.11	12.68	17.25	12.88	17.25	12.37		
240-270	17.00	12.16	16.33	--	16.82	12.12	16.88	12.18	16.88	11.98	16.81	12.38	17.05	12.48	16.68	11.86		
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																		
180-200	17.75	12.76	16.53	11.82	17.72	13.08	17.28	12.32	17.78	12.86	17.29	12.75	17.44	12.76	17.65	12.71		
200-220	17.92	13.00	17.15	12.41	17.72	13.04	17.55	12.92	17.78	12.88	17.34	12.85	17.46	13.05	17.65	12.87		
220-240	17.74	12.78	17.03	12.10	17.50	12.70	17.55	12.92	17.65	12.76	17.34	12.85	17.42	13.05	17.35	12.63		
240-270	17.18	12.34	16.42	11.53	16.99	12.35	16.92	12.35	17.13	12.27	16.98	12.51	17.22	12.82	16.80	12.10		
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3																		
270-330	--	--	14.75	10.04	15.45	11.25	15.15	10.98	15.75	10.68	15.32	11.12	15.08	10.92	15.00	10.43		
330-400	15.00	10.45	14.09	9.89	14.95	10.90	14.65	10.60	14.78	10.28	14.82	10.72	14.65	10.45	14.28	9.93		
400-550	13.88	9.72	12.97	8.73	13.70	9.95	14.00	10.30	14.23	9.75	13.80	10.10	13.88	9.95	13.40	9.23		
Classifications	South		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North			
Barrows and gilts	St. Paul														Portland			
U. S. No. 1 & 2																		
180-200#	17.68	12.60	17.40	12.54	--	--	17.87	12.92	--	--	17.75	12.90	19.19	13.75	19.78	14.44		
200-220	17.68	13.12	17.62	12.90	17.54	12.78	18.18	13.12	--	--	17.75	12.90	19.00	13.97	19.88	14.44		
220-240	17.55	13.12	17.56	12.90	17.54	12.69	17.88	12.80	--	--	17.75	12.90	--	--	19.69	14.12		
U. S. No. 2 & 3																		
200-220	17.18	12.52	17.36	12.72	17.22	12.48	17.98	13.04	17.41	12.72	17.05	12.15	--	--	19.12	--		
220-240	16.95	12.50	17.34	12.69	17.18	12.45	17.70	12.79	17.31	12.69	17.05	12.15	--	--	18.88	--		
240-270	16.55	12.15	16.92	12.46	16.50	11.98	17.30	12.16	16.88	12.25	16.35	11.40	--	--	18.22	--		
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																		
180-200	17.30	12.38	17.38	12.52	--	--	17.64	12.92	17.38	--	17.18	12.28	18.88	13.69	--	13.75		
200-220	17.30	12.70	17.44	12.78	17.38	12.62	17.98	13.04	17.59	12.72	17.18	12.28	18.94	13.81	--	13.75		
220-240	17.02	12.62	17.44	12.78	17.32	12.60	17.74	12.79	17.47	12.72	17.18	12.28	18.69	13.56	--	13.50		
240-270	16.55	--	17.00	12.58	16.68	12.12	--	12.16	16.94	12.34	--	--	--	--	--	12.62		
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3																		
270-330	15.02	10.62	15.35	--	14.95	11.10	15.00	10.30	14.75	10.50	12.75	8.75	15.25	--	15.94	11.50		
330-400	14.44	10.20	14.80	10.92	14.40	10.70	14.15	9.75	14.44	9.75	12.25	8.28	14.50	--	14.88	11.00		
400-550	13.68	9.72	13.78	10.42	13.45	10.15	13.38	9.20	13.94	9.00	11.50	7.52	13.25	--	13.66	10.25		
Feeder pigs - All weights																		
Good and Choice	16.88	10.45	16.55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 14, 1961	17.31	17.25	17.21	17.07	16.78	17.13	16.75	17.53	17.08
	Jan. 7, 1961	17.17	17.25	17.00	16.97	16.68	17.10	16.74	17.40	17.02
	Jan. 16, 1960	12.37	12.60	12.70	12.47	12.36	12.69	12.35	12.72	12.49
Sows	Jan. 14, 1961	13.96	13.93	13.91	14.00	13.73	13.97	13.91	14.00	13.93
	Jan. 7, 1961	13.35	13.46	13.40	13.36	13.06	13.40	13.50	13.67	13.40
	Jan. 16, 1960	9.79	10.24	9.96	10.29	10.40	10.20	9.84	9.69	10.08
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 14, 1961	237	228	238	246	249	238	239	230	238
	Jan. 7, 1961	241	225	240	248	249	236	235	231	238
	Jan. 16, 1960	238	226	233	241	244	229	230	231	234
Sows	Jan. 14, 1961	447	427	451	447	450	434	432	473	443
	Jan. 7, 1961	451	424	444	449	451	426	428	474	443
	Jan. 16, 1960	445	403	438	441	443	428	410	437	428
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 14, 1961	28705	49077	13617	44943	42614	23189	43412	27646	273203
	Jan. 7, 1961	24610	38822	12170	35778	31816	19125	37906	25462	225689
	Jan. 16, 1960	35550	68856	16189	52070	56701	23546	70740	36968	360620
Sows	Jan. 14, 1961	3380	5388	1040	5355	3291	2025	3294	2839	26612
	Jan. 7, 1961	3167	4294	1074	4290	2688	1670	3241	2781	23205
	Jan. 16, 1960	3584	5709	979	5217	3940	1921	4614	2923	28887
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Jan. 14, 1961		11	10	7	11	7	8	7	9	9
Jan. 7, 1961		11	10	8	11	8	8	8	10	9
Jan. 16, 1960		9	8	6	9	6	8	6	7	7

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Jan. 14, 1961	\$19.86	\$17.92	\$1.94
Jan. 7, 1961	19.78	18.01	1.77
Jan. 16, 1960	15.54	13.00	2.54

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 1/ 100 pounds	Corn, No. 3, yellow Cents per 2/ bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Jan. 14, 1961	17.31	108.3	16.0
Jan. 7, 1961	17.17	108.7	15.8
Jan. 16, 1960	12.37	113.6	10.9

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Jan. 14, 1961	18.00	--	18.00	--	--	18.50	--
	Jan. 16, 1960	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Jan. 14, 1961	17.20	17.28	17.00	16.75	17.62	17.75	18.50
	Jan. 16, 1960	19.80	19.22	19.58	17.38	19.60	18.70	18.88
Good	Jan. 14, 1961	16.05	16.18	16.22	16.25	16.62	16.50	17.62
	Jan. 16, 1960	18.68	18.48	18.55	17.25	18.98	17.88	18.06
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	Jan. 14, 1961	5.75	5.88	5.25	--	6.50	4.50	4.88
Choice	Jan. 16, 1960	6.45	5.50	5.50	--	5.75	4.75	5.50
Cull and	Jan. 14, 1961	5.50	5.25	4.38	7.00*	5.12	3.25	3.75
Utility	Jan. 16, 1960	5.82	4.12	4.50	6.50*	4.25	3.00	4.00
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Jan. 14, 1961	--	16.55	--	15.50	16.90	16.00	15.50
Choice	Jan. 16, 1960	--	17.35	--	16.25	18.88	--	16.00

*Shorn basis.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
November 1960, with comparisons
USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.

Month and period	Canada		Mexico	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	Head	Head	Head	Head
November	47,204	38,770	51,793	28,290
Jan.-Nov.	246,446	319,710	305,353	320,226

Note: During Jan.-Nov. this year 1,957 sheep and 14,861 hogs were received from Canada compared with 28,117 sheep and 6,184 hogs a year ago.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Supply and demand for beef and lamb at New York was pointedly unbalanced with carryover quite large for these classes. Veal, calf and pork movement was generally fair as veal was in relatively short supply and the fact that pork was largely featured at the retail level. Trading for beef was moderately active at other points along the Eastern Seaboard with hindquarters moving best and chucks hardest to move. Veal and lamb was active under mostly a good demand while pork outlet was uneven but all cuts fairly well cleared. Supplies of all classes were normal except at Philadelphia where beef unloads were slightly above normal with other classes below normal.

Steer beef closed 50¢-\$1.75 lower at New York, weak to mostly 50¢ lower at Philadelphia, otherwise steady to \$1.00 higher. Cow beef sold strong to \$2.00 higher, except fully \$1.00 lower at New York. Veal and calf sold \$1.00-2.00 higher at New York with the trend steady to \$1.00 lower at other points. Lamb prices declined \$1.00-2.00 at New York and were steady to weak at Philadelphia, but steady at other markets. Pork loins closed steady to \$3.00 lower; fresh skinned hams mostly steady, except \$4.00 lower at New York; Boston butts were \$1.00-2.00 lower and spareribs steady for the most part.

Outlet was generally poor for near normal supplies of kosher steer beef and lamb, however, small supplies of veal and calf were in fair demand. Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters closed \$1.00-2.00 lower; lamb \$1.00 to mostly \$3.00 lower. Kosher veal and calf prices were unchanged.

CHICAGO - Supplies of all fresh meats were normal, but more than adequate for trade requirements. High-Good and Choice grades predominated in the beef supply. Choice offerings represented the bulk of the lamb, with most carcasses weighing over 55# and relatively few in the 35-45# weight range. Narrow eastern outlets and a poor demand for most primal cuts locally resulted in lower carcass beef prices. Rounds met a fair demand on the initial session but slow thereafter. Arm and squarecut chucks were most difficult to sell and closed \$2.50 lower compared to prevailing prices late last week. Veal prices were unchanged in a moderately active trade. Trading for lamb was moderately active early but slow on the close with prices working lower. Most local interests participated in the trade for various primal cuts of lamb through Wednesday with late trade dull. Spareribs moved into most channels with pork loins and Boston butts slow. Steer and heifer beef closed 50¢-\$1.00 lower; veal steady; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower; pork loins steady to 50¢ higher; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.50-2.00 lower and spareribs \$1.00-1.50 higher.

PACIFIC COAST - Trading for steer and heifer beef was moderately active with supplies about normal, except for 500-650# carcasses which were limited. Cow beef was in fully normal supply, except Utility scarce in the northwest. A good demand prevailed for the moderate supply of calf, veal and lamb. Trading was moderately active for the liberal supply of fresh and smoked pork.

Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher, except Choice 650-700# 50¢ lower in Los Angeles; cow beef was uneven, most sales \$1.00-1.50 lower in Los Angeles, steady to \$1.00 higher in San Francisco and about steady in the northwest; calf and veal steady to \$1.00 higher, the advance in the northwest with some sales of veal \$2.00 higher in Portland. Lamb sold steady to \$1.00 higher, instances \$2.00 higher in Portland, but mostly steady in San Francisco. Fresh pork was steady to \$2.00 lower, except pork loins \$1.00 higher in the northwest; smoked hams were \$1.00-2.00 lower; bacon \$1.00-2.00 higher and other smoked pork steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - General price declines were recorded on all classes of fresh meats under a rather poor demand. Narrow outlets at eastern centers was the main contributing factor. Supplies of all classes were normal with clearance only fair on most classes. However, clearance was complete on fresh hams and pork sides.

Steer, heifer and cow beef closed mostly \$1.00 lower, instances \$1.50 off. Lamb sold steady to \$1.25 lower; pork loins steady to \$1.00 lower, Boston butts \$1.50-2.00 off and fresh hams \$1.00-2.00 higher. Pork sides were steady to 30¢ higher.

Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at \$42.00-43.00, few carlots \$43.50; 700-800# \$40.75-41.50, few \$42.00; Good 600-700# mostly \$39.50-41.00; 700-800# \$38.50-40.50. Choice heifer beef 500-700# \$41.00-41.50, Good \$38.50-39.50. Utility cow beef \$29.00-30.00, few carlots \$31.00. Choice including some Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses \$34.75-37.50, few cars 35-45# \$36.25-39.50; 55-65# \$32.25-32.75. Pork loins 8-12# \$42.00-42.50; fresh hams 12-14# \$41.00-42.50; 14-16# \$40.00-41.00; Boston butts 4-8# \$31.00-32.00. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$24.90-25.90; 155-175# \$24.60-25.60.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Trading for most fresh meats was slow as price declines were recorded on all classes. Beef prices were under most pressure due mainly to narrow eastern outlets. Steer beef closed \$1.00-2.00 lower; heifer beef steady to \$1.50 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.50 off; cow beef \$1.00-2.00 lower. Lamb sold mostly steady at Denver and Philadelphia, but \$1.00-2.50 lower at Chicago and New York. Pork loins closed steady to \$1.00 lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Jan. 14:	Jan. 16:	Jan. 14:	Jan. 16:	Jan. 14:	Jan. 16:	Jan. 14:	Jan. 16:
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	47.02	48.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	47.78	45.75	45.50	44.88	43.00	44.00	42.44	43.94
	700-800	46.82	44.25	44.38	43.50	41.50	42.50	40.94	42.00
Good	500-600	44.52	43.75	43.81	41.88	42.00	43.50	41.00	43.12
	600-700	45.28	44.25	43.81	41.88	40.75	41.25	39.50	41.25
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.38	44.00	40.50	42.50	42.00	44.00
	600-700	--	--	44.38	43.50	39.50	--	40.75	41.25
Good	500-600	--	--	42.50	40.75	--	--	40.25	41.75
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	62.00	65.50	55.00	57.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	55.50	55.00	52.00	52.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	49.00	49.00	47.00	46.70	52.00	55.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	42.15	43.50	39.88	--	40.50	--	41.50	41.00
Choice	45-55	41.40	41.85	39.88	40.50	40.50	40.25	41.50	41.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	48.60	39.25	45.50	38.25	51.50	41.25	47.38	40.88
Butts	4-8	39.80	32.20	35.81	29.19	43.50	36.00	41.50	35.12
Spareribs	3# down	42.60	36.50	38.12	34.38	44.00	38.00	40.00	36.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16#		49.50	39.50	50.50	46.50	51.75	50.00	49.50	45.50
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		47.50	33.00	54.75	40.25	57.00	39.00	53.50	42.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8#		32.00	29.50	33.75	32.00	32.50	30.00	33.00	29.38
Lard, 1# carton		15.50	12.50	14.25	11.50	17.50	15.50	15.75	13.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED Jan. 13, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	43.00-44.00	41.00-42.00	42.00-42.75	45.00-45.50	44.50-45.00
	700-800	42.00-42.50	40.00-41.00	40.75-41.75	43.50-44.50	43.50-44.00
	800-900	40.50-41.50	39.00-40.00	39.75-40.25	42.50-43.50	41.50-42.50
Good	500-600	40.50-41.50	--	--	43.00-44.00	--
	600-700	40.50-41.50	39.00-40.50	40.25-40.75	43.00-43.50	41.50-42.50
	700-800	40.00-41.00	39.00-40.50	39.25-40.00	42.00-43.00	41.00-42.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.00-42.50	41.50-42.00	41.00-41.25	--	--
	600-700	42.00-42.50	40.25-40.75	41.00-41.25	--	42.50-43.50
Good	500-600	39.50-40.50	--	38.75-39.25	--	--
	600-700	39.50-40.50	--	38.75-39.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.50-30.50	30.00-30.75	29.00-29.50	--	31.50-32.00
Canner and Cutter		30.00-31.00	--	29.50-30.00	--	31.50-32.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	37.00-38.50	35.00-36.00	--	39.50-42.00	40.00-41.00
	45-55	36.00-37.00	34.50-36.00	34.75-35.75	37.50-39.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	33.00-34.00	32.00-33.00	32.25-32.75	34.50-37.00	36.00-37.00
Choice	35-45	37.00-38.50	35.00-36.00	--	39.50-42.00	40.00-41.00
	45-55	36.00-37.00	34.50-36.00	34.75-35.75	37.50-39.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	33.00-34.00	32.00-33.00	32.25-32.75	34.50-37.00	36.00-37.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	43.00-44.00	--	42.00-43.00	--	44.00-44.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market was fairly active with approximately five cars of greasy domestic worsted wools sold at about steady prices. Demand for pulled wools and noils was moderately good with prices strong. Trading for scoured shorn wools was slow with prices about steady. Trading in the territory States was slow with only occasional lots moved. The staple end of the Sonora clip and some wool in Ingram sold recently at strong prices. A little early barn shearing had commenced in Ohio.

Midweek cables from Australia showed general activity with the Continent and Japan the principal operators. Quotations were unchanged compared to the December close. Trading in South Africa opened about steady compared to the pre-holiday recess with Italy and Germany dominating under general competition. The market in New Zealand opened with good general competition. Prices were steady with Europe dominating. American topmakers were active in Montevideo for 60s and 60/64s grades while carpet type wools in Buenos Aires were very active.

According to the Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service the average price received by farmers for wool on December 15, 1960 was 40.2¢ per grease pound. This compared to 39.0¢ for November 15, 1960 and 43.2¢ on December 15, 1959.

Fleece Wools - Trading for fleece wools was dull.

Territory Wools - Graded territory 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.12 clean basis while graded 60/62s moved around \$1.08 and graded 56/58s at \$1.06 clean basis. Original bag, bulk fine and half-blood, good French combing and staple wool sold in Utah at \$1.05-1.07 clean basis, delivered Boston. A large 1960 reputation clip of bulk fine wool in original bags sold in New Mexico at 42¢ grease basis to the warehouse.

Texas Wools - Graded staple Sonora wool sold recently at \$1.20-1.22 while another lot brought the same price at Ingram, Texas.

Mohair - The fall mohair clip had been practically cleaned up at 91½¢ for adult mostly for shipment abroad. There was a little contracting of the spring clip at 91½¢ for adult and \$1.16½ for kid hair by the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools was dull. Cabled quotations from foreign markets at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

New Zealand Oil-combed

93 - 83¢	107 - 79¢
834 - 82¢	114 - 77¢
100 - 81¢	128 - 76¢

Australia Oil-combed

77B - \$1.07	433 - \$.92
78B - 1.04	434 - .87
79B - 1.01	435 - .83
80B - .99	

South Africa

Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.06	17 - \$1.00
12 - 1.04	22 - .98
47 - 1.01	27 - .95
48 - 1.00	28 - .93
52 - 1.00	32 - .91
53 - .98	33 - .88

Montevideo Super Skirted - 64s - 90¢, 60/64s - 88¢, 60s - 86¢, 60/58s - 85¢, 56/58s - 83¢, 50/56s - 81¢ and 50s - 80¢.

Carpet Wools - Trading for spot carpet wools was limited to occasional lots. A dark colored Near Eastern carpet wool brought 45¢ clean fibers present. There was more strength in all primary markets abroad. Greasy New Zealand carpet fleeces were quoted at 75-76¢, type 702/3 crutchings at 69-70¢ and early shorn wool at 73¢. Greasy Buenos Aires 36/40s carpet fleeces were quoted at 77¢, November second clip wools 74-75¢, March at 71¢ and lambs wool at 74¢, all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Montevideo shippers were asking 94-95¢ for scoured 56/60s lambs wool. Sales of woolen wools follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	Scoured Shorn Domestic
60s 2-3" white \$1.10	46/48s 3-5" fair
60s 2-3" tinged 1.07	color 93¢
50/56s 1½-2½" ch.	Scoured Pulled Foreign
wh. 1.00	N. Z. 56s 1½-3" Ch.
	Wh. \$1.08

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

64s 1½-2½" choice	\$1.18
60s 2-3" choice	1.05
58s ave. 3" ch.	\$1.07-1.08
58s 2-3" deep stain	.92
56/50s 3" & up seedy & burry	.95
50/56s 3" & up choice	1.07
50/56s 1½-3" tinged	.94

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Jan. 12, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops - \$1.466
May wool tops - 1.465
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
March wool - \$1.134
May wool - 1.133
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED JANUARY 1, 1961

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

The number of sheep and lambs on feed for market on January 1 was 2 percent less than last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is estimated at 4,255,000 head--66,000 head less than a year earlier.

The average price of good and choice feeder lambs at Denver averaged \$16.48 per 100 pounds for the week ending October 8, 1960. Prices were about the same in late December averaging \$16.50 at Denver during the week ending December 31, 1960.

Weather conditions to January 1 in most parts of the country were favorable. Forage in the West was significantly improved during November. Wheat pasture has been mostly good for fall and winter grazing in the Southern and Central Plains, but wet fields have limited grazing to some extent. Feed supplies were generally abundant in the Corn Belt.

CORN BELT STATES UNCHANGED

In the North Central States 2,540,000 sheep and lambs were on feed, less than one percent below the 2,552,000 head on feed January 1, 1960. The sharpest decline was in Nebraska where numbers were 13 percent below the previous year. Other decreases were: South Dakota, 6 percent; and Illinois, 3 percent. States showing no change were Ohio, Michigan, and Iowa. Increases were as follows: Indiana, Minnesota, and North Dakota, each 10 percent; Kansas, 7 percent; Wisconsin and Missouri, each 5 percent.

Shipments of feeder sheep and lambs into 8 of the Corn Belt States for which data are available totaled 2,216,572 head from July through November 1960. This was 12 percent more than for the same period of 1959. However, total commercial slaughter in U. S. for September through November was 11 percent above the previous year. Federally inspected slaughter for December was about 5 percent above the previous year.

WESTERN STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on feed in the 11 Western States totaled 1,409,000 head--6 percent less than the 1,494,000 head on feed a year earlier. Decreases were shown in Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, and California. These decreases were only partially offset by increases in other Western States.

In Colorado, the main feeding State, the 540,000 head on feed January 1 was 3 percent less than the 555,000 head on feed a year earlier. In California the number of sheep and lambs on feed at 289,000 head was 20 percent less than the 361,000 head on feed on January 1, 1960.

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Sheep and Lambs on Feed January 1, 1955-61 ^{1/}
(Revised estimates 1956-60)

State and Division	: 1955	: 1956	: 1957	: 1958	: 1959	: 1960	: 1961	: 1961 percent of 1960
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	
	: head	: head	: head	: head	: head	: head	: head	Percent
New York	: 20	: 20	: 20	: 21	: 23	: 23	: 25	109
Ohio	: 211	: 211	: 205	: 201	: 221	: 239	: 239	100
Indiana	: 77	: 86	: 92	: 88	: 66	: 74	: 81	110
Illinois	: 161	: 185	: 207	: 180	: 180	: 157	: 152	97
Michigan	: 90	: 98	: 90	: 88	: 85	: 87	: 87	100
Wisconsin	: 62	: 61	: 60	: 62	: 62	: 60	: 63	105
Minnesota	: 225	: 218	: 229	: 211	: 207	: 228	: 251	110
Iowa	: 441	: 401	: 453	: 476	: 500	: 520	: 520	100
Missouri	: 130	: 112	: 130	: 114	: 142	: 129	: 135	105
North Dakota	: 80	: 122	: 118	: 110	: 105	: 100	: 110	110
South Dakota	: 230	: 218	: 218	: 255	: 255	: 235	: 221	94
Nebraska	: 588	: 453	: 507	: 451	: 456	: 461	: 401	87
Kansas	: 239	: 160	: 150	: 225	: 380	: 262	: 280	107
N Central	: 2,534	: 2,325	: 2,459	: 2,461	: 2,659	: 2,552	: 2,540	100
Alabama	: :	: 42	: 23	: 6				
Oklahoma	: 60	: 61	: 42	: 41	: 59	: 52	: 90	173
Texas	: 305	: 290	: 273	: 191	: 241	: 200	: 191	96
Montana	: 150	: 183	: 108	: 118	: 124	: 105	: 107	102
Idaho	: 95	: 95	: 120	: 80	: 110	: 82	: 79	96
Wyoming	: 133	: 130	: 115	: 135	: 135	: 112	: 118	105
Colorado	: 542	: 510	: 550	: 504	: 540	: 555	: 540	97
New Mexico	: 63	: 71	: 23	: 42	: 79	: 58	: 43	74
Arizona	: 65	: 60	: 51	: 26	: 29	: 34	: 46	135
Utah	: 98	: 89	: 94	: 66	: 81	: 87	: 87	100
Nevada	: 11	: 13	: 16	: 16	: 16	: 12	: 12	100
Washington	: 32	: 28	: 25	: 25	: 30	: 35	: 35	100
Oregon	: 25	: 30	: 35	: 43	: 54	: 53	: 53	100
California	: 312	: 320	: 352	: 275	: 318	: 361	: 289	80
West	: 1,526	: 1,529	: 1,489	: 1,330	: 1,516	: 1,494	: 1,409	94
United States	: 4,445	: 4,267	: 4,306	: 4,050	: 4,498	: 4,321	: 4,255	98

^{1/} Sheep and Lambs on feed are considered to be animals intended for slaughter that are being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates or are being run on succulent pastures and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

CROP REPORTING BOARD.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

NOVEMBER 1960

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	108,000	--
Australia	2,972,477	939,304	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--
Canada	1,493,939	21,440	2,643,296	5,362	401,915
Denmark	--	--	--	--	13,387
Germany	--	--	--	--	15,215
Holland	--	--	--	--	5,048
Ireland	1,403,029	--	--	--	12,589
Mexico	1,657,890	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	3,817,141	132,296	4,409	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	1,477,752	--	--	10,000	12,181
Total - November 1960...	12,822,228	1,093,040	2,647,705	123,362	460,335
November 1959...	38,055,266	3,570,056	2,866,576	778,649	599,126

Refused or condemned:

November 1960...	45,335	202,603	1,110	--	580
November 1959...	239,977	--	--	--	8,715

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	3,161,845	--	75	466,350	--	4,480	3,740,750
Australia	15,624	--	--	--	--	--	3,927,405
Brazil	190,810	--	--	109,800	--	--	300,610
Canada	21,765	226,521	4,755	--	4,250	171,870	4,995,113
Denmark	--	2,082,697	270,711	--	128,664	--	2,495,459
Germany	--	128,403	2,001	--	29,427	--	175,046
Holland	--	3,001,700	18,533	--	16,665	--	3,041,946
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,415,618
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,657,890
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,953,846
Paraguay	1,118,593	--	--	--	--	--	1,118,593
Poland	--	2,403,521	332,352	--	--	--	2,735,873
Uruguay	1,146,780	--	3,920	--	--	5,600	1,156,300
All others	32,000	189,535	112,414	--	23,367	11,200	1,868,449
Total - Nov. 1960..	5,687,417	8,032,377	744,761	576,150	202,373	193,150	32,582,898
Nov. 1959..	5,748,115	8,534,698	662,140	--	297,784	1,434,157	62,546,567

Refused or condemned:

Nov. 1960..	4,125	25,438	6,872	--	1,500	--	287,563
Nov. 1959..	33,444	27,832	45,817	--	17,096	--	372,881

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for November 1960 were as follows: Canada 13,515.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, DECEMBER 31, 1960

Refrigerated stocks of red meats increased 20 million pounds during December bringing the total to 430 million pounds on January 1. These stocks were 21 percent below those held on the same date last year and the 1956-60 average. Beef holdings at 169 million pounds on January 1 showed little change from a month earlier but were 16 percent below those held on January 1, 1960 and 12 percent below average. A net increase of 22 million pounds in pork holdings during December compares with 40 million a year earlier and 48 million the average increase. Stocks on January 1 totaled 175 million pounds--34 percent below holdings on January 1, 1960 and 36 percent below the average. Beginning with this report, a more complete break-down of frozen pork items is included.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, DECEMBER 31, 1960 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	December 1955-59 av	December 1959	November 1960	December 1960
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen	181,251	191,103	159,194	160,376
In cure and cured	10,437	11,006	9,826	8,563
Total	191,688	202,109	169,020	168,939
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	9,337	5,029	7,514
Hams	1/	28,468	34,322	24,964
Bellies	1/	73,023	20,732	32,790
Loins	1/	1/	1/	7,658
Jowls	1/	1/	1/	5,572
Butts	1/	1/	1/	2,715
Spareribs	1/	1/	1/	8,195
Trimnings	1/	1/	1/	10,396
Other pork	1/	108,536	52,693	38,261
Total	209,154	219,364	112,776	138,065
Pork in cooler:				
Dry salt bellies	1/	10,327	6,435	7,950
Other dry salt pork	1/	6,949	5,515	5,717
Other pork cuts	1/	27,640	28,903	23,664
Total	63,898	44,916	40,853	37,331
Total pork	273,052	264,280	153,629	175,396
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen	15,689	9,960	13,219	14,325
Lamb and mutton, frozen	10,282	14,794	12,424	12,130
Canned meats in cooler:				
Hams	2/(50,857	2/(52,544	2/(61,792	26,359
Other meats	2/(2/(2/(33,140
Total all meats	541,568	543,687	410,084	430,289
Lard, rendered and refined 3/	115,258	123,700	83,400	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ -				
Pork	4,953	2,110	2,043	1,550
Beef	10,527	1,652	2,719	1,869

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U.S.D.A., the Armed Services and other Government agencies.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	Nov. 1960 <u>Pounds</u>	Nov. 1959 <u>Pounds</u>
EXPORTS (Domestic) -		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	1,119,083	994,151
Pickled or cured (except canned)	1,761,561	1,870,718
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	3,634,192	1,631,446
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	1,247,055	3,001,648
Bacon	398,613	2,043,167
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n.e.c.	1,585,877	1,025,799
Sausage, bologna & frankfurters (except canned)	256,922	161,614
Meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c.	396,642	88,124
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	5,410,352	4,957,560
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	3,045,751	1,863,584
Variety meats, n.e.c. (except canned)	3,149,942	2,653,593
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	625,563	675,848
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	195,881	252,094
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters	94,297	133,208
Hams and shoulders	99,589	62,805
Pork, canned, n.e.c.	279,197	214,199
Meat and meat products, n.e.c.	127,253	317,869
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	201,543	58,330
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	32,995,435	70,722,250
Shortenings, animal fat (excl. lard)	419,262	209,440
Tallow, edible	749,864	1,523,539
Tallow, inedible	106,594,946	121,944,742
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	362,374	744,445
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	13,429,318	8,769,934

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Cattle (for breeding) -		
Dairy	1,481	924
Ex. dairy	1,276	1,725
Other (ex. for breeding)	620	9,712
Hogs	531	1,313
Sheep	122	285

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